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POLITICAL MATTERS ARGENTINA

TO: ✓ Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attention: Intelligence Division

7 APR 1975

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Security
Department of State

Director
United States Secret Service

Chief, Counterintelligence & Security
Office (DIACI)
Defense Intelligence Agency

Director, Office of Security
Agency for International Development

109-12-201

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FROM: Deputy Director for Operations

SUBJECT: Card Files on U.S. Officials
Maintained by People's Revolutionary Army

ARG.

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

[Redacted] a small card file which for the most part contained the names and biographic information of Argentine government, military, and security officials but also included the following information on individuals presumed by the ERB to be U.S. officials in Argentina:

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a. Possible American intelligence agent

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Owens or at least arrives in a Citroen
automobile

b.

[REDACTED]

c. Naval

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U.S.A.
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d. Army

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[REDACTED] a set of approximately 80 cards, each of which contained biographic information on Argentine government and military officials. [REDACTED] no names of foreign diplomats were found on the ERP cards.

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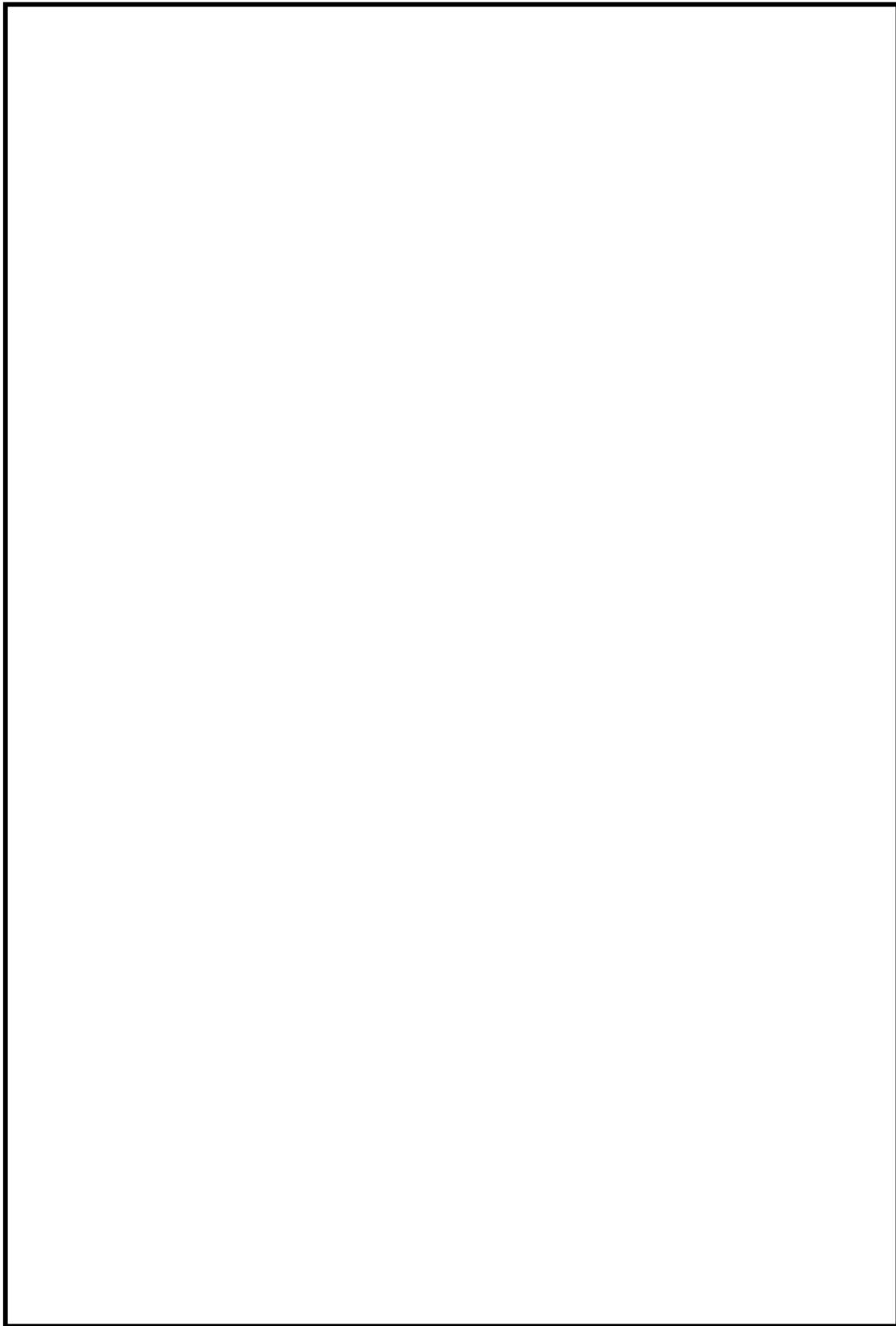
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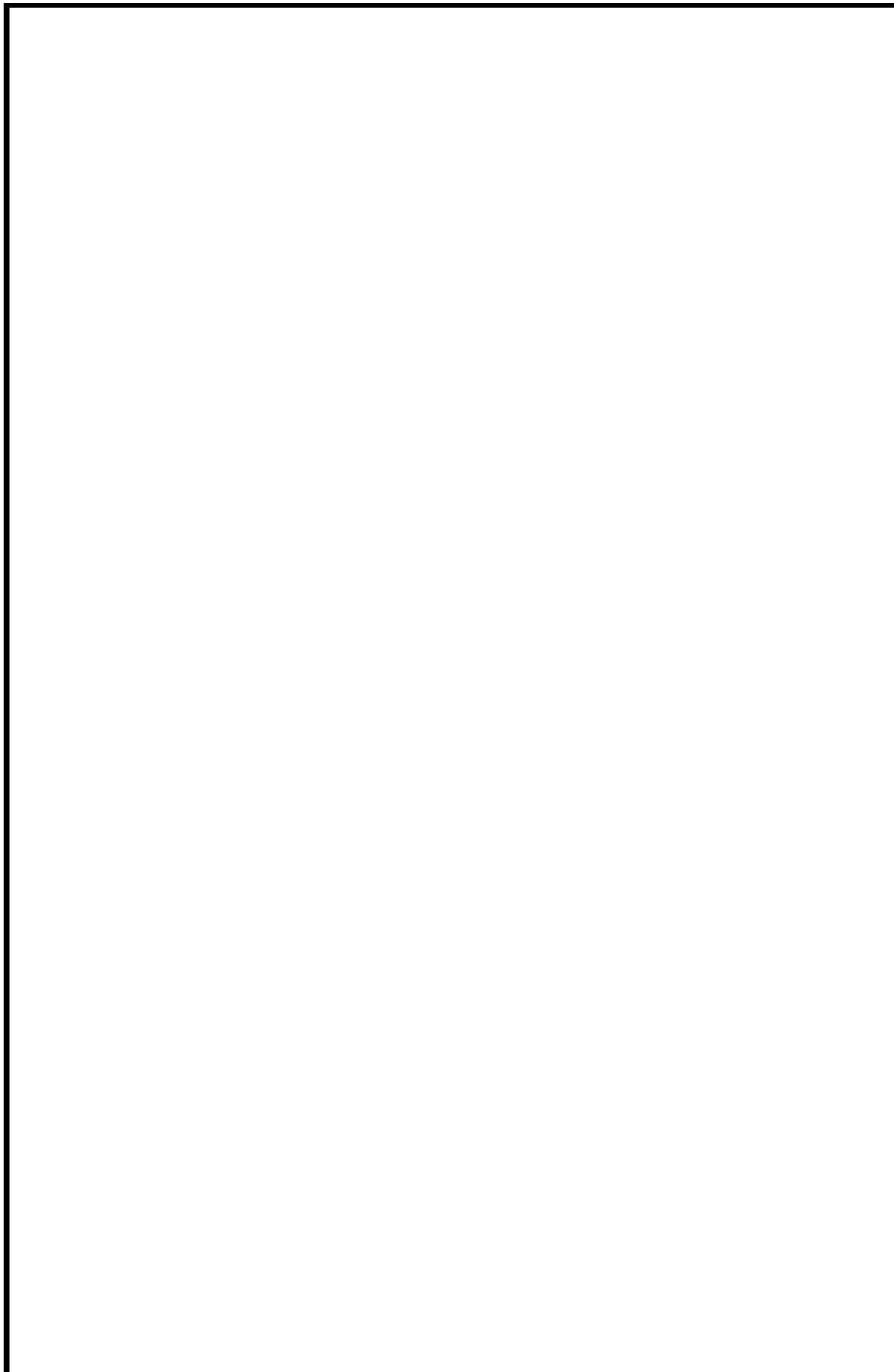
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SUBJECT: VIEWS [REDACTED] MEMBER ON THE
MILITARY AND POLITICAL CAPABILITIES OF [REDACTED];
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE MONTONEROS AND THE ERP

SUMMARY.

THE MONTONEROS CLAIMED THAT THE RECENT INCREASE

IN TERRORISM [REDACTED] IS DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE TWO
BASIC OBJECTIVES: 1) TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THE MILITARY
CAPABILITIES OF THE MONTONEROS FOR THE INEVITABLE, ALTHOUGH FUTURE,
ARMED STRUGGLE FOR POLITICAL POWER IN ARGENTINA; AND 2) APR 8 1975

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RESPOND IN KIND TO COUNTERTERROR OPERATIONS BY THE GOVERNMENT
AGAINST THE MONTONEROS. [REDACTED] ^{EO25x1} TERRORIST ACTIONS WOULD
BE TAKEN AGAINST U.S. EMBASSY PERSONNEL IN BUENOS AIRES AND MEMBERS
OF THE GOVERNMENT'S "REPRESSIVE APPARATUS" AS APPROPRIATE TO
ACCOMPLISH THESE OBJECTIVES. [REDACTED] ^{EO25x1} THE PEOPLE'S
REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP) HAD PREVIOUSLY AGREED TO JOIN WITH THE
MONTONEROS IN THE LATTER ACTIVITIES, BUT THAT THE ERP IS NOW
ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY CONCENTRATING ON GUERRILLA OPERATIONS IN
TUCUMAN PROVINCE. [REDACTED] ^{EO25x1} THE
GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT IS ERODING, WHILE THAT OF THE MONTONEROS
IS INCREASING SUBSTANTIALLY. [REDACTED] ^{EO25x1} ORGANIZATION
IS SPONSORING THE AUTHENTIC PARTY IN THE MISIONES PROVINCIAL
ELECTIONS AND [REDACTED] ^{EO25x1} THE OBJECTIVE IN THE ELECTIONS IS TO
REDUCE THE GOVERNMENT'S VICTORY MARGIN TO AN EMBARRASSING LEVEL.
END SUMMARY.

1. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DURING THE PAST FOUR MONTHS, [REDACTED]

THE

^{EO25x1} LONG-RANGE OBJECTIVE'S TO DEVELOP THE MILITARY CAPABILITY^{EO25x1}~~SECRET~~

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OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR THE INEVITABLE, ALBEIT FUTURE, ARMED STRUGGLE WHICH WOULD PRECEED THE ACQUISITION OF POLITICAL POWER IN THE COUNTRY BY THE REVOLUTIONARIES. [REDACTED] THE MONTONERO LEADERSHIP IS NOT WORKING UNDER THE ILLUSION THAT THE ORGANIZATION NOW HAS THE CAPABILITY TO PRECIPITATE CIVIL WAR IN ARGENTINA OR EVEN TO RAISE THE LEVEL OF TERRORISM TO A POLITICALLY INTOLERABLE DEGREE, BUT [REDACTED] THAT THE MILITARY CAPABILITY OF THE MONTONEROS MUST NOT ONLY BE MAINTAINED BUT INCREASED, IF THE ORGANIZATION IS TO BE PREPARED FOR THE TIME WHEN CONDITIONS FOR ARMED STRUGGLE ARE PROPITIOUS.

2. WITHIN THIS FRAMEWORK: [REDACTED]

THE RECENT TERRORIST ATTACKS BY THE MONTONEROS AGAINST POLICE UNITS AND PERSONNEL WERE PRIMARILY MOTIVATED BY THE NEED TO MAINTAIN A MILITARY CAPABILITY, RATHER THAN BASED ON PURELY REVENGE MOTIVES. HOWEVER, SINCE THE POLICE HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR MUCH OF THE EXTRALEGAL COUNTERTERROR ACTION AGAINST THE MONTONEROS, THE ATTACKS AGAINST THE POLICE ALSO INVOLVED THE RETALIATION ASPECT. [REDACTED] THE MONTONEROS ARE NO LONGER WILLING TO PERMIT THE MASSACRE OF THEIR MEMBERSHIP BY RIGHT-WING COUNTERTERROR UNITS WITHOUT AN

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APPROPRIATE RESPONSE AGAINST THOSE RESPONSIBLE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE RECENT DECISION BY THE GOVERNMENT TO RELEASE A CAPTURED
LEADER OF THE ARMED LIBERATION FORCES/CHE GUEVARA (FAL/CHE) IN
EXCHANGE FOR A JUDGE WHO HAD BEEN ABDUCTED [REDACTED] A "FUNDAMENTAL
WEAKNESS" WHICH THE MONTONEROS PLAN TO EXPLOIT IN THE FUTURE.

[REDACTED] THE MONTONEROS WOULD CARRY OUT AN ABDUCTION
FOR PRISONER EXCHANGE WHEN A MEDIUM OR HIGH-LEVEL MEMBER OF
THE MONTONEROS IS CAPTURED. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THIS IS A
REFERENCE TO THE ABDUCTION OF JUDGE HUGO ALFREDO BENEDICTO
A N Z O R R E G U Y, WHO WAS RELEASED FROM CAPTIVITY ON 5
MARCH 1975. THE KIDNAPPERS HAD DEMANDED THE RELEASE OF SERGIO
SCHNEIDER, A FAL/CHE LEADER, WHO WAS ALLOWED TO LEAVE
ARGENTINA FOR PERU TWO DAYS BEFORE THE JUDGE WAS RELEASED.)

3. IN ADDITION TO ACTIONS AGAINST THE POLICE, THE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ORGANIZATION WOULD CONTINUE TO UNDER-
TAKE ABDUCTION/ASSASSINATION OPERATIONS AGAINST U.S. EMBASSY
PERSONNEL IN ARGENTINA AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE. [REDACTED]
THAT THE ERP HAD PREVIOUSLY AGREED TO CARRY OUT JOINT ACTIONS
AGAINST EMBASSY OFFICIALS AND THE FORCES OF EXTRALEGAL
REPRESSION, BUT THAT THE ERP IS NOW CONCENTRATING ITS EFFORTS

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TOTALLY ON THE GUERRILLA WARFARE STRUGGLE NOW UNDERWAY IN THE PROVINCE OF TUCUMAN. [REDACTED] THE MONTONEROS VIEW THIS ERP POLICY AS SECTARIAN, BELIEVING THAT THE STRUGGLE IN TUCUMAN, REGARDLESS OF ITS EVENTUAL OUTCOME, WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT BEARING ON GOVERNMENT STABILITY. THUS, WHILE THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE MONTONEROS AND THE ERP REMAIN FRIENDLY, AND WHILE THE MONTONEROS HAVE GIVEN THEIR MORAL AND POLITICAL SUPPORT TO THE GUERRILLAS IN TUCUMAN, THEY DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THIS ERP ACTION RESPONDS TO THE REALITIES OF THE ARGENTINE POLITICAL SCENE AND THEY DO NOT INTEND TO SUPPORT THE VENTURE IN A MATERIAL WAY, SUCH AS PROVIDING PERSONNEL OR FUNDS FOR TUCUMAN. IN LINE WITH THE TOTAL COMMITMENT TO TUCUMAN, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE ERP IS LIMITING ITS RECRUITMENT EFFORTS FOR THE MOST PART TO THE ACQUISITION OF NEW CADRES FOR MILITARY ACTIONS. [REDACTED]

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4. IN RELATION TO POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THE MONTONEROS, [REDACTED] ORGANIZATION HAD [REDACTED] HELD A NATIONAL MEETING, DURING WHICH A COMPLETE EVALUATION OF MONTONERO POLITICAL ORIENTATION AND PROGRESS WAS

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MADE. THE EVALUATION INDICATED THE THE ORGANIZATION HAD MADE
SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IN BOTH LABOR AND PEASANT FIELDS SINCE 6
SEPTEMBER 1974, THE DATE WHEN THE MONTONEROS DECLARED THEIR
INTENTION TO GO UNDERGROUND AND BEGIN A FRONTAL STRUGGLE AGAINST
THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT. [REDACTED]

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THE EVALUATION CLEARLY INDICATED THE SEVERE MONTONERO LOSSES
IN THE UNIVERSITY OF BUENOS AIRES, BUT [REDACTED] OVERALL
SIGNIFICANT GAINS HAD BEEN ACHIEVED. [REDACTED] BASED ON
THE INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP AND INFLUENCE OF THE ORGANIZATION,
A DECISION WAS MADE TO INCREASE THE NATIONAL DIRECTORATE BY
FOUR INDIVIDUALS, I.E., FROM SEVEN TO 11 MEMBERS.

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5.

THE EVALUATION OF INCREASED

MONTONERO POLITICAL STRENGTH, COUPLED WITH THE ANALYSIS THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S IMAGE IS STEADILY ERODING, HAD LED TO A DECISION BY THE MONTONEROS TO CREATE AND FINANCE THE AUTHENTIC PERONIST PARTY (PPA). THE LEADERS OF THE PPA, ARE PERONISTS WHO HAVE NOT BEEN POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED AS BEING MEMBERS OF THE MONTONEROS OR THE REVOLUTIONARY TENDENCY OF THE PERONIST YOUTH MOVEMENT; THUS, IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE PPA WILL HAVE A WIDER VOTER APPEAL THAN WOULD OTHERWISE BE THE CASE.

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ALL THE MONTONERO POLITICAL FORCES ARE CONCENTRATED IN THE PROVINCE OF MISIONES IN PREPARATION FOR THE 13 APRIL ELECTIONS IN THAT PROVINCE. THE OBJECTIVE OF THE MONTONEROS IN MISIONES,

IS NOT TO WIN THE PROVINCIAL

ELECTIONS, BUT TO ENSURE THAT THE GOVERNMENT FORCES DO POORLY.

COMMENT: THE PPA WAS REQUIRED BY THE ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL TO DROP THE NAME PERONIST FROM ITS PARTY LABEL. FOR THIS REASON, IT IS RUNNING IN TH ELECTIONS AS THE AUTHENTIC PARTY. MOST OBSERVERS EXPECT THE GOVERNING FREJULI COALITION TO WIN THE MISIONES ELECTIONS, BUT THE EXTENT OF THE VICTORY MARGIN WILL BE REGARDED AS AN INDICATION OF GOVERNMENT STRENGTH OR WEAKNESS.)

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6.

THERE ARE NO

DIVISIONS AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL WITHIN THE MONTONEROS, NOR

ANY CONFLICT BETWEEN THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY WINGS

OF THE ORGANIZATION. OCCASIONAL FRICTIONS, BUT

WERE INEVITABLE AND GENERALLY WERE CAUSED BY A

DIFFERENCE IN TACTICAL VIEWPOINTS DURING A CERTAIN PERIOD.

FROM A STRATEGIC STANDPOINT, THE MONTONERO

LEADERSHIP AND BASES WERE IN FULL ACCORD.

THERE WERE GOOD

CONTACTS WITH CUBAN OFFICIALS IN ARGENTINA

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COMMENT:

BOTH THE POLITICAL

AND MILITARY WINGS OF MOVEMENT POSSESSED SIGNIFICANT

STRENGTH.)

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